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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN PORT REQUEST IN EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY

1. MANAGER OF GUATEMALAN NATIONAL RAILROAD (FEGUA) HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY IN FINDING OUT WHETHER PREFABRICATED PIER OF TYPE USED IN VIET NAM, POSSIBLY MADE BY PASCOA STEEL IN COLUMBUS, GEORGIA OR POMONA, CALIFORNIA, COULD BE LOANED, RENTED, BOUGHT OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRED BY FEGUA TO TEMPORARILY REPLACE AT ITS OLD PORT OF PUERTO BARRIOS, MAIN PIER WHICH HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE.

2. PIER WOULD HAVE TO BE CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING 4 TONS PER SQ. METER AND BE APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET LONG.

3. FEGUA HAS ARRANGEMENT WITH NEAR-BY GUATEMALAN PORT OF SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLO TO HANDLE PUERTO BARRIOS' NORMAL EXPORTS OF BANANAS, SUGAR AND COFFEE, BUT FACILITIES IN FORMER ARE INSUFFICIENT TO HANDLE INCREASED CARGO LOAD. COFFEE EXPORTS NORMALLY SHARED 50-50; BANANAS, SUGAR MOSTLY FROM PUERTO BARRIOS. LATTER ALSO HANDLES SOME IMPORTS, PARTICULARLY WHEAT.

4. RESTORATION PUERTO BARRIOS PORT CAPABILITY IMPORTANT
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IN MAINTAINING FLOW EXPORRTS AND HANDLING IMPORTS, INCLUDING

POSSIBLE RELIEF SUPPLIES.

5. PLEASE REPLY ASAP.

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